

Merchantville, NJ

March 28, 2011

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, March 28, 2011. Mayor Frank M. North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Perno (arrived 7:45), Madden, Brennan, Brickley (arrived 7:40), Fields, Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins.

PUBLIC HEARING**PUBLIC**

Marvin Gaskill, 102 E. Chestnut Avenue, council has the registration for Motels & Apartments in hand. The Courier Post stated that DCA is going to eliminate inspectors, this is the opportunity for Municipality to create a system. The information that was given to Mrs. Fields gives an overview of regulations regarding inspections. Alternative is to have fire inspectors appointed to Board of Health and can also do inspections for ordinance. Health dept can provide training.

Alex Woschenko, 8 Morris Street, questions regarding budget on several areas. Read a study on apartments and how they are being taxed and how they made changes to Code Enforcement of all apartments and commercial properties over the last few years.

Rich James, 130 Westminster Avenue, seeking several budget questions regarding absences available, utility operating reserve, general administration, Clerk and accounts payable clerk. No salary for Mayor and Council. Planning board has nine regular members.

Tom Eval, 255 St. James Avenue, how many Public Works employees do we have at this time? 1 Manager and 1 Employee and we use labor team for other employees on as needed basis. Is collection issue decided? Mr. Brickley responded No, turn around time is an issue for leaves, brush and grass. Items over night are not an issue if it is not trash. Discussed splitting town in half. What is happening with Police consolidation? Mayor gave an update of the meeting with governor. Did ratables go up or down this year? Slight decrease.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Perno, with Mrs. Madden abstaining, Council approved the regular meeting minutes for 1.24.11 and 2.14.11.

OLD BUSINESS:**DISCUSSION:** Possible council meeting changes

Work session (caucus) will be on the first Monday of the month and the regular meeting will be on the second Monday of the month with council reports. No action will take place at the caucus meeting. Summer meetings will begin at 6:00 for caucus and 7:30 for the regular meeting on the same night in the months of June, July, August and September.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 11-46 Cancel outstanding checks: On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolution:

R11-46

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, there exists outstanding checks through the Current Fund which has been outstanding for over six months; and

WHEREAS, the checks have been investigated and have been determined to have been lost or otherwise destroyed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following checks be cancelled and the expenditure be deposited into the Current fund:

FOR	CHECK NO.	CHECK DATE	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT
Junior Girl Scout Troup 30933	14629	6-9-2009	200.00	Current
Municipal Clerks Assn of NJ	15408	5-11-10	6.59	Current
		TOTAL	206.59	

DISCUSSION- Police position-recommend Tomas Whalen promoted to Sergeant

APPROVAL-Borough use of facility for car show

APPROVAL-Niagara Fire Volunteer Jonathan Perno
 Niagara Fire Volunteer Morgan Lynn Schaefer
 Niagara Fire Volunteer James F. Berardi
 Niagara Fire Volunteer Jason Koestel

On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mrs. Fields (Mr. Perno abstained), Council approved Jonathan Perno, Morgan Lynn Schaefer, James F. Berardi and Jason Berardi as Niagara Fire Volunteers.

APPROVAL-May 2011 Beer and Wine Tasting

On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Perno, council approved the May 2011 Beer and Wine Tasting.

APPROVAL-Handicap parking sign for resident

On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Perno, council approved the handicap parking sign for resident.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Merchantville Egg Hunt will be on April 16th at the Community Center beginning at 10:00 am.

PRIVATE SESSION-R11-47

On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mrs. Fields, Council adjourned into private session to discuss matters of possible litigation and contract negotiations.

R11-47

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
 COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE SESSION OF COUNCIL

Joseph Brickley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Matters of possible litigation and contract negotiations
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter shall be made public.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by **Patricia Fields** and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Fields	(X)	()	()	()
Mr. Volkert	()	()	()	(X)
Mr. Brickley	(X)	()	()	()
Mr. Perno	(X)	()	()	()
Mrs. Madden	(X)	()	()	()
Mr. Brennan	(X)	()	()	()

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Brickley, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM.

DENISE BROUSE
BOROUGH CLERK